



# OPERATIONS MEMO

## Update from the California Student Aid Commission

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TO: Financial Aid Administrators

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SUBJECT: **2015-16 Cal Grant Update – Top Two Percent and Cal Grant C**

This Operations Memo from the California Student Aid Commission (Commission) provides an update on the 2015-16 academic year Cal Grant award processes.

### **Top Two Percent Cal Grant B Entitlement Awards**

In addition to the access portion of the award (\$1,656), California Education Code Section 69435(a)(3) authorizes the Commission to offer tuition/fee payments to the top two percent of first year Entitlement Cal Grant B participants.

- Awards are made based on a competitive scoring process.
- 1,831 students were selected for this award and have been notified.
- Adjusted awards for these recipients are on school rosters.
- Other entering freshman Cal Grant B Entitlement recipients will receive only the access portion of the grant for their first year in the program.

### **2015-16 Cal Grant C Awards**

Cal Grant C awards are offered to applicants who are enrolled in an eligible occupational, technical, or vocational program. Awardees are selected based on a scoring and ranking process.

- Approximately 8,200 supplements were received and 7,761 Cal Grant C award offers were processed on July 27, 2015.
- Institutions may now view new Cal Grant C recipients on their rosters.
- Students attending California Community Colleges are awarded \$547 for books and supplies.
- Students attending other qualifying colleges and universities are awarded \$547 for books and supplies plus an additional \$2,462 for tuition and fees.

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